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The Honorable Ruth V. McGregor  
Chief Justice  
Arizona Supreme Court  
1501 West Washington Street - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3329

Re: State Bar of Arizona Membership Categories – Over 70 years old

Dear Chief Justice McGregor:

I have enclosed my letter to the President of the Arizona State Bar Association relative to the pending petition related to categories that attorneys over 70 year of age can elect to choose. To state that I am opposed to the changes is an understatement.

I believe it to represent a continuing attitude that micro-management of membership is somehow important. It overlooks the sacrifice that many of us of the “senior bar” who were primarily sole practitioners, have made over the many years of our practice in serving the mainstream of the populace.

The costs I object to are not simply the annual active practicing fee. The costs of continuing legal education is prohibitive to many of us who were not beneficiaries of pensions or large law office affiliations that gave us something to sell when we limited or wound down our practices. For the most part the sole practitioner’s practice was valueless, and indeed, non-saleable as a legal matter.

The only comment I would make in addition to those contained in my original letter to the Bar, is that I would welcome the opportunity to attend CLE classes related to the limited practice in which I am currently engaged as well as most general areas. I still retain the fervor of wanting to learn more and be proficient in my profession. If such attendance could be at little or no cost to those over 70 we could reach some of the goals the Bar seeks to accomplish without financial pain to those of us who feel we should have the right to call ourselves “attorneys” after more than 50 years of practice.

Sincerely,

Joseph V. Moschetti